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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, DSN Boards
CEOs, Qualified Providers
Supervisors, Service Coordination
Supervisors, Early Intervention

FROM: Beverly A.H. Buscemi, Ph.D., State Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly A.H. Buscemi PMO".

RE: 1. Reductions to optional Medicaid services
2. Co-Payments on Medicaid state plan services being proposed for all adult (≥21 years old) home and community-based waiver participants (MR/RD, Community Support, & HASCI)

DATE: December 30, 2010

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1. As expected, DHHS mailed to each Medicaid Beneficiary on December 22, 2010 a newsletter describing changes it will make to the Medicaid program. A copy of the newsletter is attached (#1). DHHS will hold a conference call about the reductions on January 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Their Public Notice announcing this call is also attached (#1) and includes the toll free and conference ID numbers. You are welcome to distribute these materials to your consumers and their families. You are also welcome to join the conference call on January 12, 2011 to learn more about the changes.
 2. As indicated in my December 16, 2010 memo to Executive Directors and CEOs, DHHS is proposing to no longer exempt all adult (≥21 years old) waiver participants from co-payments on Medicaid state plan services effective April 1, 2011. This affects adults enrolled in the MR/RD, HASCI and Community Support Waivers.

DHHS is holding a Public Meeting on this pending action, along with other pending actions to its CLTC and HIV/AIDS Waivers on January 5, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

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p.m. in the lower level conference room at Two Medical Park in Columbia. This Public Notice along with directions is attached (#2). Please note that in lieu of attending the public meeting, written comments can be submitted by January 7, 2011 to DHHS. Again, you are welcome to distribute these materials to consumers and their families who are likely to be affected by the proposed co-payments, and/or service changes.

Both attachments to this memo will be posted to the DDSN website and included in the upcoming DDSN newsletter. If you have any questions, please call Kathi Lacy at (803) 898-9686. Please keep in mind that consumers and families should be directed to the DHHS Call Center at 1-888-549-0820 for their specific questions.

Attachments (2)

cc: District Directors
Associate State Directors